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A VILLAGE IN MADAGASCAR.

MADAGASCAR.

Among the earliest enterprises contemplated by the Directors of the London Missionary Society, the introduction of the Gospel into the island of Madagascar was one of the most important and most promising. The population of the country, exceeding *four millions*,—the debasing and cruel character of the prevalent idolatry,—the degradation and social wretchedness of vast masses of the people,—all combined to present the most urgent claims for the exercise of Christian zeal and mercy.

It was not, however, until the year 1817, that any attempt to send Missionaries to that dark land appeared practicable; but, at that time, providential events of recent occurrence afforded them encouragement, in dependence upon God, to enter upon this new and extensive field of labour.

In the month of March, 1819, Messrs. Bevan and Jones, agents of the Society, landed in Madagascar, with a view to permanent labour; but, within a few weeks, the former of these devoted men, and his wife and child, were removed by death; the wife and child of his associate also died; while the solitary survivor was so utterly prostrated by disease, as to be compelled for a season to return to Mauritius.

But undismayed by these calamities, Mr. Jones, who had, in the meantime, been joined by Mr. Griffiths, proceeded, in the autumn of the following year, to the island, and through the kind offices of the British resident, they were permitted to settle at Tananarivo, the capital, with the entire approval of Radama the king.

The favourable regard of the king was, doubtless, to a considerable degree, secured by the beneficial arts and customs which the Missionaries, in subordination to the higher objects of their office, introduced and commended to his subjects; but eventually multitudes of the people understood and appreciated their ministry, and sought from them instruction in the great truths of salvation. Large congregations were formed, many schools were established, and everything connected with the new Mission seemed auspicious and promising.

Encouraged by such intimations of Divine Providence, the Directors made vigorous efforts to extend their labours in Madagascar; and, from the year 1818 to 1828, they sent thither *fourteen* labourers, consisting of six ordained Missionaries, two missionary printers, and six missionary artizans.

At the expiration of eight years from the establishment of the Mission, Radama, who had proved its active and faithful friend, died; he was succeeded by the present queen, whose reign of cruelty and terror needs no description. From the commencement of her authority she was wholly under the influence of the advocates of idolatry; but her hostility against the religion of Christ was restrained or disclosed, as policy required, until, in the month of March, 1835, the fatal edict was issued,

by which the people were forbidden, under pain of death, to profess Christianity; and the Missionaries were soon after compelled to leave the island.

But, during the fifteen years of their residence in Madagascar, the Missionaries had laboured with unwearied diligence, zeal, and self-denial; and the results of these labours must excite astonishment and command admiration. The number of *schools* they established amounted to nearly 100, containing 4000 scholars; and more than 10,000 children passed through these schools during the period under review, to whom were imparted the elements both of useful instruction and religious truth. *Elementary books* were provided for the pupils; and a large proportion of these were distributed among those who *voluntarily* acquired the art of reading without attendance on the schools; while many of the principal scholars directed their attention to the English language, and became familiar with the English Scriptures. Two *large congregations* were formed at the capital; and nearly 200 persons, on a profession of their faith, were admitted to *church fellowship*. *Preaching stations* were established in several towns and villages, at a distance from the capital; and many week-day services were held at the dwellings of the native Christians. *Two printing presses*, sent out by the Society, were in constant operation, and besides school-books, not fewer than 25,000 *Tracts* were printed and put into circulation, and a *Dictionary of the language* also was prepared and printed in two volumes. But, *above all*, the whole of *the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments*, were *translated*, *corrected*, and *printed in the native language*—a language which had been first reduced to a written form by the labours of the Missionaries.

But, as it has been stated, towards the close of 1834, the coercive and persecuting measures of the queen were brought into full and fatal operation. All Christian instruction was prohibited in the schools,—the congregations dispersed,—the observance of Christian ordinances strictly prohibited, and even the possession of the Sacred Scriptures was attended with heavy penalties. And in addition to all other sorrows, the Christians beheld their faithful Missionaries compelled to abandon their much-loved work, and themselves left as sheep without a shepherd in the midst of ravening wolves.

During seventeen succeeding years (that is, from the expulsion of the Missionaries to the year 1851), the same oppressive policy has been continued. Many hundreds have been degraded and impoverished; hundreds more have been doomed to slavery; and between *forty and fifty have suffered death for the sake of the Lord Jesus*, in various forms of aggravated horror. *Several have died by the sword or the spear; others have been precipitated from rocks, and dashed to pieces in their fall; and four have been burnt alive in the capital of Madagascar.*

But the *number* of the sufferers, and the *willingness* with which they have suffered, is in itself conclusive evidence both of the firmness of their

faith and the extension of their principles; and from the latest and most authentic intelligence received, we learn that, during this reign of terror, *tens* have increased to *hundreds*, so that no less than Five Thousand (and, probably, a far greater number) have continued to study the Holy Scriptures,—to sanctify the Christian Sabbath,—and to assemble together on the mountains and in the caves of Madagascar, to unite in prayer to God, and in acts of love and obedience to Christ, as their Redeemer.

And at length the faith and patience of the saints have triumphed! God has heard the blood of His martyrs from beneath the altar, and to His suffering Church in Madagascar there has arisen light in the darkness. The *only* child of the persecuting queen, and heir to her throne, has learnt the faith in which the martyrs died; and the *only* son of the late prime minister (the bitterest foe of the Christians) has, it is reported, avowed himself the Christians' friend. To the young prince has also been committed the government of the country; while the son of Raniharo (the late prime minister) has succeeded to his father's office; and as the first-fruits of this most blessed change, the ports of Madagascar are about to be opened to foreigners, and English Missionaries, it is confidently expected, will henceforth be freely admissible to the country.

It cannot be doubted that as the prayers of the faithful *throughout the Christian world* have been offered to God for the deliverance of his suffering Church, so their joyful praises will now ascend with those of their rejoicing brethren, as fragrant incense before His throne. But on the members of the London Missionary Society, the claims of Madagascar come with *peculiar and unequalled force. They* were honoured of God to make known those blessed truths which constrained her children to renounce the absurdities and abominations of paganism,—to embrace the Word of God as the ground of their faith and the law of their lives,—to endure shame, poverty, and bondage for Christ's sake, and to brave death in its most terrific forms rather than do Him dishonour, and renounce the glorious hope inspired by His cross. And to the London Missionary Society the Christians of Madagascar have ever looked, and are still looking, as children to a parent, for that generous sympathy and help which the peculiarity of their position renders indispensable.

Among the native Christians, it may be expected that the great Head of the Church has trained, by His Word and Spirit, and by the painful discipline of their past history, many faithful men for the work of the ministry. In Mauritius, also, about 500 Malagassy Christians are waiting to return to their native land; and among these are several well qualified for the work of Native Teachers and evangelists. But it is obvious that valuable, *most valuable*, as this amount of native agency will prove for the future extension of the Gospel among the numerous population of the island *an adequate number of judicious and devoted English Missionaries must be superadded.* On *them* it will devolve to guide and instruct the infant churches of Madagascar in the faith and order of the Gospel; to select and train up native Christians as pastors and teachers of their

countrymen; to translate into the vernacular language suitable Christian literature; and vigorously to employ the printing press for the interests of education, social improvement, and religion.

The Directors of the London Missionary Society are deeply sensible of the solemn obligations now devolved on them, by the providence of God, to send forth a competent number of such men to prosecute the Mission in Madagascar; and so far as information has yet reached them, they are happy to know that their constituents throughout the country have spontaneously cherished the same feeling, and are prepared cordially to co-operate for the accomplishment of this momentous object.

At a numerous meeting of the Directors, both town and country, held at the Mission-house, Tuesday, 18th January, 1853, after an extended and interesting conference on the subject, it was *unanimously* resolved,—

"That this Board has received, with great delight and unfeigned thankfulness to Almighty God, the intelligence of the wonderful change which has taken place in the state and circumstances of Madagascar, presenting, as it does, the cheering prospect of the resumption of Missionary labours in that country; and hereby records its deep and solemn conviction, that it is the imperative duty of this Society to employ early and vigorous means, with a view to this important object.

"That the Secretaries be instructed to prepare a concise statement of the origin, progress, and present position of the Madagascar Mission, and transmit a copy of the same to the Country Directors, the Officers of Auxiliaries, and the Ministerial Members of the Society, with the request to the latter, that they will bring the subject under the early consideration of their Congregations at a service specially set apart for Prayer and Thanksgiving on behalf of the persecuted Christians in that Island.

"That, to enable the Directors to recommence and sustain the Mission in Madagascar, an Appeal for pecuniary aid to be presented to the friends of the Society, and other measures adopted for effecting this object."

In accordance with the design of these Resolutions, the Directors of the Society most urgently commend to the friends of Missions in general, and to their Constituents in particular, the claims of Madagascar on their zeal and liberality.

It is all but superfluous to state, that, without *special* effort on the part of their friends, the Directors will be unable to meet this urgent demand for extended exertion, since the *ordinary* income of the Society is unequal to its existing responsibilities; and, as they would subject themselves to keen self-reproach, so they feel assured they would incur the heavy censures of their Constituents, did they not place before them the imperative claims of this *peculiar* case. It is the earnest desire of the Directors to send not less than four suitably qualified Missionaries to Madagascar; and they are anxious to accomplish this object at the *earliest*

moment practicable; for the Emissaries of Rome are even at the door waiting for the first opportunity to assail the Protestant faith of the native Christians.

But, although generous Contributions are *immediately* required to enable the Directors to execute their purpose, they most earnestly hope that their Constituents universally will regard the claims of Madagascar as a powerful motive for increasing their regular *Annual* Subscriptions, inasmuch as it is evident that, by the re-commencement of this important Mission, the permanent expenditure of the Society will be considerably enlarged.

In no providential event connected with the interests of modern Missions has the call of God for *increased exertions* been more solemnly or distinctly uttered. For seventeen years has Madagascar been watered with the prayers, the tears, and the blood of His servants, and, thus nourished, the incorruptible seed of the kingdom has already yielded a rich harvest; but now prospects, yet more glorious, wait to reward the labours of our faith and zeal

Throughout the night of weeping, God has sustained His saints amidst all the cruel mockings and fiery trials which the power and hatred of their enemies could inflict; and, by their trials and their triumphs, He has taught us that His Word and Spirit can still work miracles in human minds, and give a martyr's faith to meet a martyr's doom. Men of prayer have long made the sufferings of Madagascar the burden of their intercessions; often have they cried, when supplicants at His footstool, "How long, O Lord, shall the wicked triumph!" "Let the sighing of the prisoner come before Thee; according to the greatness of thy power preserve Thou those that are appointed to die." And at length these supplications are about to be answered, and the adoring acknowledgment becomes us, "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee, and the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain."

But as the night in which no man can work is passing away, the advent of day invites to labour. And let the Church of God listen with obedient spirit to His solemn call, and prepare to send forth the Messenger of peace, to beseech the Idolater and Persecutor to be reconciled to God; and let effort be sanctified by importunate and humble prayer, and the faith of her Martyrs will become the faith of Madagascar; and her swarthy Millions, renewed by the Spirit, and attracted by the Cross of Christ, shall place their many crowns upon His head, and gratefully adore Him as their Redeemer and their Lord.

Signed, on behalf of the Directors
of the London Missionary Society,

CULLING EARDLEY EARDLEY, TREASURER.
ARTHUR TIDMAN, } SECRETARIES.
EBENEZER PROUT, }

Mission House, Blomfield Street,
February 1, 1853.

THE following extract of a letter, addressed by one of the Native Christians in Madagascar to a former Missionary, in May of last year, will serve to place in a striking point of view the severe sufferings and persecutions to which the Christians were exposed up to within a short period of the signal and happy change in the government measures announced in the preceding statement.

"My heart and soul are full of sorrow and grief while I am taking up my pen to write this letter to you, my dear friend. May God turn my present sorrow into joy, by conveying this letter safe into your hands.

"The wrath of the sovereign continues to rage against us, for there is a law, written in a book, stating, 'That no person is allowed to pray and worship according to the religion of the white people, nor according to the religion of any other country. He that does that shall be put to death, saith the sovereign. The worship and religion of my ancestors you must follow and practise for ever and ever, but the worship and religion of any other people or nation shall never be allowed in my country, saith the Queen.' This law is read once a fortnight to the soldiers when they perform their military exercises. There are a great many words written in the book to make this law strict and strong.

"But Psalm ii. 1—5; Matt. xxiv. 35, Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.' The people here are advancing and progressing. The church consists of sixty-eight members that receive the Lord's Supper once a month, to commemorate the death of Christ. They worship in seven seperate houses, for the law of the sovereign is very strict and strong. They meet for Divine service in the night, that no person might see them, for the law of the sovereign says, 'Spy into the houses, watch every place and every corner, and make a diligent search, and if you see any practising this new religion bring them to me.' Psalm xi. 4, 5.

"Prince Ramonja, the Queen's nephew, her sister's third son, officer of the palace, of the Eleventh Honour, is one of our companions. He is a wise man; he truly loves Christ. He fights the good fight every day. He continually preaches to the Queen, though her heart kindles in rage against him when he speaks to her about the Christian religion. But he does not seek the glory that is on earth, but the glory that is in heaven. He faithfully bears the name of Christ, and promotes the interest of the church in his own house, and constantly suffers afflictions with all the Christians. He is at present called to endure greater bereavements and heavier afflictions than any of the other Christians. Four of his children died, one after the other, within a year, and he himself has endured a very severe illness, and has fits at times. But he considers all this but a light affliction, and constantly preaches the Word boldly to the Queen and his relations. He does not mind nor fear the rage of the Queen's heart against him. But we, his companions, do all of us truly sympathize with him in his great trials and afflictions, and pray earnestly for him. God alone knows what is best, and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Prince Ramonja is constantly taunted by his relations for what has befallen him, saying, 'he suffers all these trials and afflictions because he follows the religion of the white people and worships their ancestors.' But the Prince answers them, saying, I do not worship the ancestors of any foreigners, nor any of my own ancestors, but I only worship the God that made heaven and earth, and Jesus Christ who died as a substitute for the sins of men. Him I do worship and praise, for it is he alone that can deliver me from my troubles and trials. On this account he is considered stubborn and obstinate, yet the Queen does not punish him for his religious professions, because he is her sister's beloved son. John xv. 18—21.

"As to those that have been imprisoned they are still in chains. Some are still in prison and others have returned to their own houses, but are still in chains. The chains of one has been taken off on account of some good deeds for government his ancestors had done.

"As to those that took refuge in the wil-

derness when the persecution broke out, they are still wandering from place to place, but they are pretty well off. We meet them now and then, but they do not shew themselves to every body. And as to those that were reduced to slavery, some are still in slavery and others are redeemed. All the officers whose honours had been taken from them were ordered to carry muskets and to act as common soldiers. (Heb. xi. 36—38.) And having been thus punished and tormented, we remained nine months in town, and at the end of that time we were sent to Mantasoa, near the forest, to build a stone house. After this was done we were sent to fetch and drag timber from the forest.

"We were afterwards sent to the war into the north-west, the Sakalava country. We were away for two months. As it was about the commencement of the unhealthy season, an immense number of the people died, officers and soldiers, bearers and servants, but only two of the Christians died. At present we are to be sent to the war in the province of Ambongo, as soon as the dry and cold season comes on. Blessed be God who alone governs all things, and does his own will in heaven and on earth.."

In marked and gratifying contrast to the above affecting details, we have now to present the subjoined correspondence, having reference to the late signal interposition of Divine Providence on behalf of the long-tried and faithful servants of Christ in Madagascar.

Extracts of Letters written by Native Christians in Madagascar, addressed to Andrianado, an Evangelist, at Mauritius, dated, Tamatave, 20th August, 1852.

"I come to see you with this letter. We have heard from the King (Ratokotond Radama) that he wishes to make peace with the English people. He is only waiting the arrival of a ship of war at Tamatave to put affairs on the same footing as they were under Radama, his father. The Prince has written to the Governor at Tamatave, saying, 'Do not sell anything to the whites until the English have made peace with us.'

"The great minister, Rain'haro, is dead; and his son fills his place now. Saith your friend, R."

From a Letter, dated three days later.

"I come to see you with this letter, and to mention to you the great changes that have already taken place in the laws of our country, Madagascar.

"1st. The commander here, at Tamatave, is waiting for the English to come over and make a treaty of commerce and peace between the two nations, as in the days of Radama.

"2nd. The Queen has issued a law, by which all her subjects, who have left her country to reside with the whites, may return to Madagascar. 'Let them do so,' saith the Queen. R."

From a third Note, dated 14th Sept., 1852.

"As regards the affairs of Prince Ratokotond Radama, Thirteenth Honour, Officer of the Palace, Prince Commander-in-Chief, he is at the head of the whole family. It is he who commands in the name of his mother. When orders do not emanate from him they are not followed. He is above all governors. He reigns in the room of his mother, and possesses the same authority as she did."

Extract of Letter addressed to Rev. David Griffiths, without date, but written about the same time as the preceding.

"Our Beloved Father,—We are exceedingly glad and truly rejoice to receive a letter written with your own hands, and the letter sent us by the Rev. Noble Shepperd of Sligo, dated May 15th, 1851, and also that written by you the same month to the Madagascar Christians, in which you state that the Christians in your country sympathize with us, and that the London Missionary Society feel strong attachment to us, and is very anxious that the Word of God should prosper in our country.

"We thank Jehovah for his goodness to us, that the Society has not forsaken us, but still intends to send us teachers again as soon as the door opens in Madagascar. We thank God for the intelligence that the Society has not forgotten us and our country, but that it intends to send the sowers of the

Word of Life to the people of Madagascar, that they may fear God and become holy people, according to the word of Jehovah to Moses, saying,—'Speak to all the congregation of the children, and say to them, Be ye holy, for I Jehovah your God am holy.' Yea, truly happy are the people that embrace it with their heart, for they will be holy in heaven for ever. And very great is our joy to learn that you have still an intention of returning to our country again. Yes, dear sir, we cannot forget you, for you, and you alone, are the only one living of our Fathers, the Missionaries.

"Our very souls were filled with inexpressible joy by reading your joyful and consoling words from our friends in a distant land. They were as cold water to the thirsty soul. May you, dear sir, live long, be happy, and be blessed of God. Pray do not forget us and our country in your prayers.

"I tell you a little of the present state of Madagascar.

"Rain'haro, Thirteenth Honour, is dead, and Roharo, his son, succeeds him as Commander-in-chief; he was promoted by Ratokotond Radama, now reigning Prince to the Fourteenth Honour, for they are both great friends. The laws of Madagascar are changed for the better. They are much better than they were before; for it is Ratokotond Radama now makes the laws, and he is about to reign."

Extracts of Letter from Rev. J. Le Brun, jun., dated, Mauritius, 14th October, 1852.

"We have received encouraging news from Madagascar. Rain'haro is dead; his son, Haro, has succeeded him as Prime Minister; he is a Christian, or, at least favourable to Christianity, and seconds the young Prince admirably in all his plans of usefulness to his people and country. The Queen seems to coincide in all the wishes and projects of her son. The flags hoisted along the coast of Madagascar bear the name of Rakotond Radama. He may, therefore, be considered as being in fact King, though his mother still wears the royal diadem.

"The Prince is making every effort to renew the good understanding between our Government and his own. He proposes opening the ports to the commerce of all nations, and is anxious to have a treaty made with the British Government to insure the permanency of amicable relations between the two countries. Three messengers have been sent to Tamatave with power to negotiate with any agent sent by the British Government. * * *

"My dear sir, is not this good news? Should not the Christian friends in England do everything in their power to bring about the so much desired opening of Madagascar to the messengers of gospel peace and mercy? Oh! had we some one of the old Missionaries to watch the moment so long and so ardently prayed for, when his feet could again tread that land rendered a thousand times dear to his heart from the fact of so many faithful witnesses for Christ having bled and died there for the Gospel! What an awakening it would create here; what a reviving of faith and love would it excite in the hearts of our refugees and other Christian Malagassy friends! And when the Prince shall issue forth the order, 'Let the Missionaries return to their former field of labour,' how happy and propitious would it be to have some one ready to step forward, and, in the name of our Protestant Mission, take possession, before the emissaries of Antichrist (who are already watching their opportunity at Bourbon) go before us, and thus deprive us of the privilege of being first, to answer the welcome invitation.

"We must be up and doing; and watch and pray. Now is the time to plead strongly, earnestly, and believingly with God. Let the churches at home set apart a day of humiliation and prayer in behalf of the Mission at Madagascar. May the Lord cause the light of his countenance to shine upon us, and invite us again to that once promising and blessed field of Evangelical labour."

The following Contributions to enable the Directors to recommence the Mission in Madagascar, have been promised.

	£	s.	d.
Sir C. E. Eardley, Bart.	100	0	0
Edward Baxter, Esq.	100	0	0
Mr. Joseph East	100	0	0
William Flanders, Esq.	100	0	0
George Freeman, Esq.	100	0	0
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Seth Smith, Esq.	100	0	0
Ambrose Brewin, Esq.	50	0	0
Sir E. N. Buxton, Bart.	50	0	0
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T. M. Coombs, Esq.	50	0	0
Roger Cunliffe, Esq.	50	0	0
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Edward Kemble, Esq.	50	0	0
J. Kershaw, Esq. M.P.	50	0	0
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Swanscombe Collection	16	14	6
Blackburn.—Collected at Public Meeting	12	12	4
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Samuel Gurney, Jun., Esq.	10	10	0
Misses Hall	10	10	0
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Edward Mason, Esq.	10	10	0
Miss Mason	10	10	0

	£	s.	d.
George Mitchell, Esq.	10	10	0
William Struthers, Esq.	10	10	0
J. J. Tanner, Esq.	10	10	0
John Viney, Esq.	10	10	0
A Father, to constitute his five children life members, viz:—			
Jemima, for S. Schools	10	10	0
Christiana, do.	10	10	0
Elizabeth Pinckney, do.	10	10	0
Theophilus, do.	10	10	0
Selina, do.	10	10	0
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Mrs. Blair	10	0	0
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INDIA.

SALEM.

About four or five years since, a School of Industry was set on foot by the Rev. J. M. Lechler, the Missionary at this Station, and, by the blessing of God upon his indefatigable efforts, it has prospered beyond the most sanguine expectations. Not only is the Institution already self-sustained; but it has exerted a most valuable influence upon the character and habits of the Native Christian community, by developing their resources and supplying them with the means of independent support; while, as will be seen from Mr. Lechler's statement, their surplus gains have been devoted to various objects of benevolent effort.

But while such facts are in a high degree encouraging, it is at the same time painful to know, that the masses of India are still ground down beneath the weight of fiscal oppressions; and that the devoted Missionary, in his attempts to afford support and succour to his suffering people, is himself sometimes exposed to obloquy and persecution.

In a letter, dated 9th December, ultimo, Mr. Lechler has given the following illustrative details :—

PERSECUTIONS FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL.

"I am thankful to say, that our covenant God continues to bless our humble labours, notwithstanding their defects and the many and powerful adversaries with which we have had to contend, especially of late. You will, doubtless, be astonished when I tell you that during the present year no less than four complaints, either false or frivolous, were lodged in the HEATHEN courts at Salem, three by heathens, against native converts in the district, and one by a Mr. ———, Judge of Salem, and son of an East India director, against the missionary himself. All this opposition arose from a spirit of persecution and enmity against Christ. In one case our people have been safely delivered from the adversary, in two more we wait for help from on high. In my own case, I was dragged before a heathen court, but at last the Bishop of Madras was requested by my opponents to decide. To this arrangement I readily consented; the bishop decided in my favour, and now Government are taking the judge to task for his illegal proceedings. Severe as these afflictions are, we prefer them to apathy, and would fain hope that they are tokens for good. Indeed, we have seen some fruit of them already among the people. In the village Koneripett, against the converts of which two false complaints are now pending in court, I formed, last month, a very nice little congregation, well taught and disciplined. During the five days I stayed with them I was much edified, and before I left baptized nineteen individuals.

INDUSTRIAL EFFORTS AND THEIR SIGNAL REWARD.

"Our Orphan and Boarding School has increased in number and efficacy, and consists now of three distinct schools, viz., the girls' school, with forty eight inmates; the boys' school, with twenty-four; and the industrial branch, with thirty-two lads. The latter is superintended by Mr. Rahm, and also by Mr. Boesinger, a student of the Basle College, and a thorough mechanic. This institution has exceeded my most sanguine expectations. It began with a lame maistry and two lads, and without means; now we have two European artisans, thirty-two lads

from three of our stations, viz., Salem, Coimbatoor, and Nagercoil, and we shall be able to show an income, by the close of this year, of no less than £100. Our expenses will be equally great; but this will not be the case in future. Last year we provided a considerable quantity of materials; eight new carpenters' benches were made in European style, a European forge was raised by Mr. Boesinger, with all the apparatus, and some tools were sent for from Europe. If all goes on well, the work will fully speak for itself by the close of another year. Indeed, the fruits of this effort are already seen and felt. Three or four individuals, trained in the Institution, help, to some extent in the Mission without pay. Our chapel, now in progress and a work estimated at £400, was built by our own people, one bricklayer excepted; and we hope to complete it for about £200. This is, I believe, the first church built in India by the hands of native Christians. A spirit of activity and industry has gone abroad among our people. They were, and still are, of the poorest class; but industry raises them, not only into higher caste in the estimation of the heathen, but into a state of comfort. Instead of requiring pecuniary help from us, they are now able to help others. They regularly contribute to the Bible, and Tract, and Local Mission Societies. Towards the building of the chapel they gave more than 200 rupees, and, in the course of the year, they sent 15 rupees to their poor afflicted brethren in Africa; 70 rupees were sent, entirely by them, to the poor in Germany (my brother tells me it utterly astonished both recipients and spectators); and 10 rupees (a second donation) they gave me to send to Connemara in Ireland. The story of Biddy Lacy was translated to them; it produced tears, and the above 10 rupees. Besides what has been just mentioned, the blessed effects of industry are felt particularly in the station itself. In these country stations, I believe, Schools of Industry will be our safest and most effectual seminaries; here, at least, the Lord seems to direct us to this particular kind of effort.

"Until of late we had to persuade the young people and their relations to learn trades; but now they come forward voluntarily and sign a bond of apprenticeship. About eight of our own converts, who are iron-blowers, are now coming to Salem for a time, in order to improve, by the help of Mr. Boesinger, their very primitive method of manufacturing the iron. This district is full of iron-ore, and, if our people succeed in bettering their present mode, which seems to have been unchanged for the last 3000 years, it will have a mighty effect upon their circumstances, and tend, I doubt not, to recommend our far higher object, the spread of the blessed Gospel."

OBSTACLES TO THE SOCIAL PROSPERITY OF INDIA.

"It appears to me, that very wrong notions are entertained in England, with regard to the state of the people in India. Certainly, if one would judge from the lordly appearance of the Hon. East India Company's servants and officers, it might be concluded that the Indians, generally, are highly civilized, and in the most affluent circumstances. The nation, as such, is oppressed and ground down both by government and the higher class of natives. The soil is rich, it is true, and will produce almost any and everything; but a native once remarked to me, 'Government take the grain, and leave us only the straw.' It is also rich in metals and minerals; but no one teaches the natives to make use of them. So long, therefore, as we shall have to do chiefly with the poor,—and to the poor the Gospel is preached,—we must, I feel convinced, not refuse to concern ourselves about our people's temporal affairs; we must tell them that they are men, that they are able to maintain themselves alone, on their own soil; and that Christianity also can and must be sustained, in the course of time, in the country itself, without foreign aid; in fact, we must not only tell, but demonstrate to our people, that 'Godliness is profitable unto all things,' &c."

Anniversary Services in May, 1853.

THE Directors are gratified in announcing to the Friends and Members of the Society, that they have made the following arrangements for the ensuing Anniversary :—

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 9th.
WEIGH HOUSE CHAPEL.
SERMON TO THE YOUNG, by the Rev. ANDREW REED, B.A., of Norwich.
To commence at Seven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11th.
MORNING.—SURREY CHAPEL.
SERMON by the Rev. SAMUEL MARTIN, of Westminster.

EVENING.—TABERNACLE.
SERMON by the Rev. JOHN ALEXANDER, of Norwich.

THURSDAY, MAY 12th.
MORNING.—ANNUAL MEETING—EXETER HALL.
CHAIRMAN—RIGHT HON. THE LORD MAYOR, M.P.

EVENING.—ADJOURNED MEETING—FINSBURY CHAPEL.
CHAIRMAN—REV. DR. CAMPBELL.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 13th,—instead of MONDAY, as formerly.
The SACRAMENT of the LORD'S SUPPER will be administered at the usual Places of Worship in and around London.

LORD'S DAY, MAY 15th.
SERMONS will be preached on behalf of the Society, at various places of Worship in London and its Vicinity.

TO THE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES IN LONDON AND THE COUNTRY.

THE Officers and Committees of Auxiliary Missionary Societies, in London and its vicinity, are respectfully requested to pay in their amounts at the Mission-House, on or before Thursday, the 31st instant, the day appointed for closing the Accounts. The Lists of Contributions should be forwarded to the Mission-House, on or before that day, in order that they may be inserted in the Society's Annual Report for 1853.

The Officers of the Auxiliary Societies throughout the country are respectfully requested to transmit their Contributions, so that they may be received at the Mission-House on or before Thursday, the 31st instant; together with correct Lists of Subscribers of Ten Shillings and upwards, *alphabetically arranged*, for insertion in the Annual Report; also *distinct* statements of the sums collected from Congregations, from Branch Associations, and by Deputations sent from London.

DEPARTURE.

THE Rev. HENRY INGRAM, and Mrs. Ingram, embarked from London, in the *Claudia*, Capt. Peel, for George Town, Demerara, February 17.

SACRAMENTAL OFFERING TO THE NECESSITOUS WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED MISSIONARIES, AND ALSO TO AGED AND INFIRM MISSIONARIES.

The Directors, in presenting the annexed list of contributions, entertain the hope, that those friends who have been prevented from making their contributions during the preceding two months, will kindly forward them not later than the first week in April.

LONDON AND ITS VICINITY.

	£	s.	d.
Abney Chapel	15	0	10
Artillery-street	1	1	6
Bethnal Green	8	6	5
Camberwell	8	9	3
Clapton	30	2	9
Ebenezer Chapel, Shadwell	3	10	0
Eccleston Chapel	5	0	0
Falcon-square	10	0	0
Greenwich-road	2	3	0
Harley-street, Bow	1	9	4
Haverstock-hill Chapel	5	0	0
Horbury Chapel	7	1	8
Islington Chapel	14	17	9
Marlborough Chapel	3	9	5
Middleton Chapel	7	10	11
Mile End—Latimer Chapel	4	0	0
New Town	2	2	0
New Broad-street	5	0	0
New Court	3	0	0
New Cross, Deptford	1	0	0
New Tabernacle	5	1	0
Old Gravel Pit, Homerton	5	3	7
Peckham—Hanover Chapel	14	0	0
Nun Green	1	7	0
Poultry	28	16	10
Stepney	5	10	0
Trevor Chapel	14	2	6
Trinity Chapel, Edgware-road	10	0	0
Trinity Chapel, Poplar	11	11	2
Union Chapel, Brixton Hill	7	3	7
Union Chapel, Horselydown	2	2	0
Union-street, Southwark	4	8	7
Walthamstow	6	0	0
Weigh-house Chapel	23	13	2
York-road	7	0	0
York-street, Walworth	14	18	5

Country.

	£	s.	d.
Altrincham—Bowdon Chapel	8	15	0
Appleton-on-Wiske—			
Mrs. Trowsdale	5	0	0
Miss Nelson	1	0	0
Ashton-under-Lyne	10	0	0
Axminster	0	11	0
Barking	1	13	0
Barnsley	4	0	0
Barnstaple	2	0	0
Beccles	3	2	3
Bedford—Bunyan Meeting	5	15	10
Berkhampstead	2	8	6
Bideford	2	3	6
Bingley	1	8	9
Birmingham—Carr's Lane	15	0	0
Countess's	1	5	0
Bishop's Stortford	4	0	0
Blackburn—Chapel-street	3	2	5
St. James's-street	3	18	6
Blackpool	1	15	8
Blakeney	1	3	6
Blandford	3	4	10
Booth	2	0	0
Bradford (*Yorkshire*)—			
College Chapel	4	2	0
Horton Lane	10	10	0
Braunton	1	0	0
Brighton—London-road	3	5	3
Bridgnorth	2	9	6
Bridgewater	3	0	0
Brighouse	2	10	7
Brill	0	10	0
Bristol—Brunswick-square	5	0	0
Castle Green	3	0	0
Highbury Chapel	16	6	0
Long Ashton	2	17	9
Bromyard	1	0	0
Bruton	1	0	0
Buckingham	3	10	0
Burnham	0	17	6
Bury St. Edmunds—Whiting-street	2	5	0
Bushey	2	15	8
Carlisle—Lowther-street	1	3	0
Castle Hedingham	3	5	0
Chelmsford, London-road	11	8	0
Cheltenham—Highbury Chapel	5	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Chester—Queen-street	10	13	9
Chesterfield	4	0	0
Chichester — St. Martin's-square	2	5	0
Chippenham	1	0	0
Chiswick—Rev. E. Miller (D.)	1	0	0
Chorley—St. George's-street	2	15	0
Clare	1	5	0
Clevedon	2	0	0
Colchester—Lion Walk	7	5	0
Congleton	1	0	8
Cottingham	3	18	0
Cotton End	2	2	6
Coventry—West Orchard	5	0	0
Cowick, near Snaith	0	6	6
Croydon	4	8	4
Cuckfield	1	17	0
Deddington	1	0	0
Denton	0	15	3
Derby—Victoria-street	5	0	0
Devizes	5	0	0
Devonport—Salem Chapel	1	18	0
Dewsbury	6	0	0
Dudley	5	0	0
Durham	2	9	8
Ealing	2	11	2
East Sheen	2	2	0
Ebley	1	10	0
Edinburgh, Albany Chapel	6	0	0
Edmonton and Tottenham	1	0	0
Emsworth	0	13	0
Enfield—Chase side, Ind.	3	10	6
Exeter—Castle-street	15	13	6
Grosvenor Chapel	2	0	0
Fakenham	2	0	0
Folkestone	2	12	9
Frome	4	0	0
Fulwood	2	2	0
Glasgow—Laurieston	3	0	0
Gomersal	2	0	0
Grantham	2	3	6
Gravesend	5	1	0
Halifax—Harrison-road	3	7	0
Sion Chapel	6	10	0
Square Chapel	3	0	0
Halstead—Old Meeting	5	13	4
Handsworth	1	15	0
Harleston	1	0	0
Harrogate	1	1	7
Harwich—Providence Chapel	1	10	9
Haslingden	1	5	0
Hastings	4	0	0
Henley-on-Thames	5	0	0
High Wycombe—Trinity Cha.	2	7	3
Crendon-lane	1	11	6
Hitchin	2	0	0
Hoddesdon	3	12	8
Huddersfield—			
Highfield Chapel	5	0	0
Rainsden-street	5	0	0
Hull—Holborn-street	0	16	0
Salem Chapel	1	2	0
Ipswich—Tacket-street	10	0	0
Isle of Man—Athol-street	1	4	3
Falconcliff Chapel	1	1	6
Kettering	2	14	4
Kingston	5	2	0
Lancaster	3	10	0
Lavenham	1	0	0
Launceston	1	10	0
Leamington—Spencer-street	6	4	0
Leeds—Belgrave Chapel	11	12	4
East Parade	20	0	0
Leek	2	5	0
Leicester—Bond-street	5	0	0
Gallowtree Gate	9	0	0
Leith	8	7	0
Lewes Tabernacle	3	15	10
Lightcliffe	2	13	0
Liscard	1	16	6
Liverpool—			
Great George-street	10	10	0
Toxteth Chapel	4	1	0
Long Buckby	1	10	0
Long Sutton	1	2	7
Louth	3	13	0
Luton—Mr. W. Pledge	1	0	0
Lutterworth	2	0	0
Lynn	5	0	0
Macclesfield—Roe-street	5	0	0
Manchester—			
Grosvenor Chapel	20	3	6
Hope Chapel	10	0	8
New Windsor Chapel	1	10	0
Oldham-road	2	10	3
Richmond Chapel	5	0	0
Rusholme-road	17	6	10
Marden	2	2	6
Margate—Zion Chapel	2	6	9
Cecil-street	1	18	7
Market Harborough	3	14	6
Mere	6	2	6
Merton	1	8	9
Middlesborough	1	0	0
Middlewich	1	10	6
Milborne Port	1	0	0
Monkwearmouth	1	0	0
Morley	2	0	2
Montrose	1	8	6
Needham Market	1	0	0
Newark	2	0	0
Newbury	4	16	4

	£	s.	d.
Newcastle—			
St. James's Chapel	4	0	0
West Clayton-street	2	10	0
Newton (*Devon*)	1	10	0
Newton le Willows	1	10	0
Northampton—United Communion	7	8	0
North Shields	3	11	4
Northwich	2	0	0
Norwich—Princes-street	5	0	0
Tabernacle	0	13	0
Norwood	5	0	0
Nottingham—Castle Gate	17	0	0
St. James's	4	0	0
Odiham	3	2	0
Ongar	1	11	6
Oswestry	1	12	0
Penrith	2	0	0
Peterborough	1	14	0
Petersfield	1	5	0
Point-in-View—Exmouth	1	6	6
Poole	2	10	0
Portsea	12	10	0
Poyle	1	9	8
Preston—Cannon-street	9	10	0
Reading—Castle-street	10	0	0
Romsey	4	2	6
Ross	2	0	0
Rotherham	5	5	0
Royston—John-street	4	9	2
Rugeley	1	0	0
Ryde	6	0	0
Saffron Walden	1	18	7
Salisbury—Scott's Lane	3	14	2
Sandwich	2	0	0
Saxmundham	0	12	6
Scarborough—Bar Church	3	16	0
Selby	0	10	0
Sheerness	2	0	0
Sheffield—Mount Zion	2	7	1
Mr. T. Oates	1	0	0
Shelton	2	0	0
Shepton Mallet	2	0	0
Shrewsbury—Swan Hill	4	13	0
Castle Gate	2	0	0
Sidbury	0	12	0
Skipton	1	0	0
Soham	1	8	6
Southampton—Above Bar	8	8	0
Southport	6	0	0
South Shields	2	2	6
Sowerby Bridge	1	0	0
Staindrop	0	12	0
Staines	3	0	0
Stanstead	1	0	0
Staplehurst	2	4	0
St. Helens	2	2	0
St. Neot's	2	16	6
Stockport—Hanover Chapel	10	0	0
Stonehouse, (*Glos.*)	1	5	0
Stourbridge	3	0	0
Stroud—Bedford-street	5	0	0
Sudbury	1	16	10
Sunderland—Ebenezer Chapel	4	5	6
Tavistock	1	10	0
Taunton—Paul's Meeting	6	0	6
North-street Chapel	13	13	6
Thatcham	1	3	0
Thorne and Hatfield	0	19	0
Tiverton	3	0	0
Tonbridge Wells—Countess's Chapel	4	12	0
Torquay—Abbey-road	7	8	8
Totnes	1	0	0
Trowbridge—Tabernacle	4	2	3
Truro	2	0	0
Turvey	0	13	6
Tutbury	1	1	8
Upminster	2	0	2
Uppingham	2	10	0
Uttoxeter	1	15	0
Uxbridge—			
Independent Chapel	6	16	8
Old Meeting	2	0	0
Wakefield—Zion Chapel	4	10	0
Wandsworth	5	0	0
Ware—High-street	1	12	4
Warminster	2	0	0
Welling	1	10	0
Welford	2	9	5
Wellingborough—West End	1	0	0
Westbury—Old Meeting	1	10	0
Wigston	0	15	0
Wilmslow	1	15	6
Wincanton	0	18	0
Windsor	7	10	0
Wiveliscombe	0	12	6
Woolwich—Ebenezer Chapel	2	1	1
Worcester	11	10	0
Yarmouth	5	0	0
Yeovil	1	1	0
Youghal	0	7	10
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MISSIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

From 14th January, to 12th February, 1853, inclusive.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
J. N. Atkins, Esq...	50	0	0
Rev. James Ware ..	50	0	0
Miss ——, St. John's Wood	5	0	0
Marcus	2	0	0
Promise	1	0	0
Ditto, for Madagascar	1	0	0
A Friend, per Rev. A. Burn.....	1	0	0
A Friend in Kent (A.)	5	0	0
For the Native Teachers, Richard Baxter and Gerhard Tersteegen..	20	0	0
	25*l.*		
Mrs. Cuff, for a Native Boy in the School at Trevandrum, to be called William Symes Cuff.....	2	5	0
A Friend for the Missionary Ship..	1	0	0

Clapton.

For the Chapel at Amoy.

Collected after an Address by Rev. T. Gilfillan.....	20	5	0
E.....	20	0	0
	40*l.* 5*s.*		

Claremont Chapel.

Female Bible Class, per Miss Ridler, for a Boy at Pareycheley, called John Claremont	3	0	0

Gloucester Chapel.

Juvenile Society, per Mr. Austen ..	3	18	0

Holloway.

Per Mr. Francis, on account	17	15	7

Per Miss Mann, for Chapel at Cuddapah.

Miss Cording	1	0	0
Miss H. Cotes.....	0	3	0
Mrs. Jeafreson.....	0	2	6
Mrs. Jeanneret	0	10	0
Miss Mann	0	5	0
Mrs. McNiel.....	0	5	0
Miss Steele	0	5	0
	2*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*		

Holywell Mount.

Per Rev. E. Mannering, on account	5	4	0
J. Green, Esq...(D.)	5	0	0
For a Native Girl in Mrs. Lewis's School, Santhapuram, to be called Sarah Jane Simmonds.....	3	0	0
	13*l.* 4*s.*		

Islington Chapel.

Collected by Miss E. Boykett	2	17	4
Miss Colquhon, by Miss Starling	1	0	0
Collected by Miss Rome	1	18	0
Donation of Mr. Cuff for Station at Trevandrum, under the superintendence of Rev. J. Cox.....	5	0	0
Collected by—			
Miss Thompson	2	5	0
Master Carley	0	14	6
Miss E. Scott	2	16	6
Master Merry's Box	1	1	1
Denmark Sunday-school Boxes.....	0	9	3
	18	1	8

New Tabernacle.

Legacy of late Miss E. Roberts, less duty.....180	0	0	
Collection at Prayer Meeting for Madagascar	5	5	4
185*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*			

Pembury Grove, Clapton.

For Chapel at Amoy.

Miss Hall	1	0	0
Mrs. Rooker.....	1	0	0
J. Henry, Esq.....	1	0	0
Mrs. Wafford	1	0	0
Rev. Dr. Manuel ..	1	0	0
Mr. E. Newell.....	0	10	0
5*l.* 10*s.*			

Queen-street, Ratcliffe.

Consolidated Fund..	3	5	0
Sabbath-school	2	19	4
Family of Mr. W. P. Lash	1	8	11
7*l.* 13*s.* 3*d.*			

Robert-street, Grosvenor-square.

On account of Native Teacher, Clarence Richard Howell	4	10	0

Stockwell, Collections..... 22 16 10

Surrey Chapel.

Young Ladies' Bible Class, per Miss Harding for the Native Teacher, James Sherman ..	10	0	0
Miss Mellor's Bible Class, for the Native Girl, Martha Sherman	2	10	0
Miss Harding, for the Native Girl, Emma Louisa Harding.....	2	10	0
15*l.*			

Tottenham-court-road.

Mrs. A. C. Blagrove, for the Theological Seminary, Hong-Kong	75	0	0

St. Paul's Churchyard.

Missionary Association at Messrs. G. Hitchcock and Co.	14	11	3

Camden Town.

Miss Gardner's Pupils	0	11	8
Mr. Ridler's Missionary Box	0	10	6

BEDFORDSHIRE.

Bedford, Howard Chapel	11	16	6
Roxton, per Mr Newling	6	6	6

BERKSHIRE.

Farringdon.

Subscriptions.

Mrs. Peaple	1	0	0
Miss and Mr. Wells	1	0	0
Mr. Gerring	0	10	0
Mr. Fidel	0	10	0
Mr. G. Fidel	0	10	0
Rev. R. Soper	0	10	0
Mrs. Reynolds.....	1	0	0
Collected by—			
Miss M. A. Lewis ..	1	19	8
Miss Partridge	0	12	0
Miss White	0	12	0
Mrs. Butler.....	0	9	6
Miss Last	0	18	0
Mr. Ballard (D.)....	0	10	0
Missionary Boxes.			
Mrs. Medley.....	0	8	8
Mrs. Fidel.....	1	6	0
Mrs. Jeffries.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Daniel	0	5	0
Public Collections..	6	6	6
Sunday-school Box	1	12	6
	20	5	10
Less Expenses..	0	3	10
	20	2	0

CHESHIRE.

Middlewich.

Mrs. Dutton, Subscriptions and Sums collected ...	4	10	6
Miss Dutton, ditto...	4	4	0
Miss Bostock and Young Ladies....	1	2	0
Miss Margaret A. Hitchin and Miss E. Cubitt	1	1	4
Monthly Subscriptions of the Boys and Girls of the Sunday-school ...	2	7	1
Missionary Boxes.			
Mrs. T. Hitchin	0	16	6
Mrs. Wm. Hitchin..	0	10	0
Mrs. Johnson	0	13	0
Mrs. Frith.....	0	5	0
Collections and Public Meeting ..	15	0	8
	30	10	1
Less Expenses..	1	1	1
	29	9	0

Runcorn, Mr. T. Handley..... 0 10 0

CUMBERLAND.

Auxiliary Society, per W. Wilson, Esq.			
Maryport.....	0	17	6
Whitehaven, Miss Gritton, Asby, for China	0	5	0
Collections by Rev. J. Redmayne.			
Kirkoswald	1	0	8
Gamblesby	0	14	6
Parkhead	0	9	2
3*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.*			

DERBYSHIRE.

Matlock Green.

Public Meeting	0	18	0
Mrs. Urquhart	0	10	0
Miss Goodwin.....	0	10	0
Mrs. T. Stevens	0	6	0
Mrs. Blackwell.....	0	2	6
Rev. J. Whewell ...	0	4	6
Exs. 3*s.*; 2*l.* 8*s.*			

DEVONSHIRE.

G. R. Devon.....	50	0	0
Loddiswell, Juvenile Collection, per Mr. J. Gay.....	1	19	3

Paington.

For 1851.

Mr. Garrett	2	0	0
Mrs. Hunt.....	1	0	0
3*l.*			

Plymouth.

Mrs. Pearson, for Mrs. W. Porter's School, Madras ..	2	0	0
Ditto, for Miss Drew's School, Madras	3	0	0
Ditto for the Schools for the Sons and Daughters of Missionaries.....	2	0	0
7*l.*			

Sidbury.

Mrs. Parker (A.)....	1	0	0
Rev. C. Howell	0	10	0
Collected by Miss Wills	1	1	0
Sabbath - school Children.....	0	10	0
Collection	1	7	0
Widows' Fund	0	12	0
Exs. 3*s.*; 4*l.* 17*s.*			

Tavistock.

Rev. E. Straker.

Mr. T. Windeatt, Treasurer.

Subscriptions and Collections	17	18	0
For Native Teacher, William Rooker..	10	0	0
For the Tavistock Ladies' Female Teacher	10	0	0
For the China Mission	3	3	0
For the Rev. W. H. Hill's School at Calcutta.....	0	2	6
Sacramental Collection for Widows and Orphans of Missionaries.....	1	10	0
	42	13	6
Less Expenses..	1	3	10
	41	9	8

Special Fund for Madagascar			
Mr. Windeatt	10	0	0
Miss Windeatt	5	0	0

Beeralstone.

Rev. W. Whillans.

Collection	7	15	2
Boxes.			
Mrs. Whillans	2	12	4
Miss M. Procter	0	7	1
Miss Spry	0	6	9
Sunday-school	0	7	10
Miss Burrowman ..	0	3	1
	11	12	0
*	68	1	8

* Including 35*l.* previously acknowledged.

Teignmouth, per Mr. W. V. Moore, on account	20	0	0

DORSETSHIRE.

Poole, on account ..	13	13	10

DURHAM.

Sunderland Auxiliary Society, per Rev. E. Bewlay, on account.....	35	0	0

ESSEX.

Auxiliary Society, per Rev. T. Craig	301	15	10
A Lover of Missions, per ditto.....	5	0	0
306*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*			

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Dursley, Miss C. A. Harding.....	0	10	0

Upper Cam.

Per Mrs. Nicholls.

Mrs. Camm	0	3	0
Mr. Chapel	0	1	0
Mrs. Joyner.....	0	5	0

	l.	s.	d.
Mrs. Randall	0	5	0
Mr. Smith.....	0	1	0
15*s.*			

HAMPSHIRE.

Ringwood, for Native Girl, Charlotte Harris Ringwood	1	0	0

HERTFORDSHIRE.

Cheshunt.

College Association.

Collection	5	4	3
Collected by—			
Miss Goucher	1	2	8
Miss Pegrum, *Nazing*	1	10	6
Exs. 7*s.* 8*d.*; 7*l.* 9*s.* 9*d.*			
Hertford, on account	31	9	0

HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

Auxiliary Society, per T. Coote, Esq.

St. Ives.

Moiety of Collections.....	12	2	10
A Friend	10	0	0
A Friend to Missions.....	7	10	0
A. B.	2	10	0
Potto Brown, Esq.	5	0	0
T. Coote, Esq.....	2	10	0
Sundry Subs.	1	3	0
40*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.*			

St. Neots.

Moiety of Collections.....	9	5	11
For Schools in South Seas	0	7	9
For Mary Sole and Eleanor Muscutt, in Mrs. Mault's School.....	5	0	0
For Native Teacher, W. R. Lewis.....	10	0	0
24*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*			

Moiety of Contributions.

Bluntisham	12	5	10
Ramsey	4	15	3
Huntingdon	9	18	0
Spaldwick	3	8	10
Houghton	0	19	10
Exs. 9*s.* 6*d.*			
96*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*			

KENT.

Blackheath.

A. E.....	5	0	0
M. Y.	5	0	0
10*l.*			

LANCASHIRE.

East Auxiliary Society, per S. Fletcher, Esq.	147	18	0

Blackburn.

Chapel-street Chapel.

Collected in Sabbath school Classes—

Miss Hannah	0	10	6
Miss Murray	0	10	6
Miss Hoole	1	0	0
Miss A. Strayan.....	0	8	0
Miss Ashton.....	0	6	0
Miss S. Hoole	0	10	0
Miss Brindle.....	0	6	10
Miss E. Whittaker	0	10	0
Miss J. Ashburn....	0	3	11
Mr. Clyde	1	13	0
Mr. R. Whittaker..	0	7	0
Mr. Lawson	0	2	6
Mr. W. Smith	0	6	7
Miss N. Richardson	1	0	2
Mr. W. Baron, (D.)	0	6	0
8*l.* 1*s.*			

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Evington, Rev. H. Dymock	1	6	6

Leicester, H. F. Coleman, Esq., (A.) ..	5	5	0

MIDDLESEX.

Poyle, P. Ibotson, Esq. (A.)	21	0	0

NORFOLK.

Norwich.

Miss Davey, for a Girl in Mrs. Mault's School....	2	5	0
Yarmouth. Dorcas Society, ditto	2	5	0
4*l.* 10*s.*			

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

Peterborough.

Collections	5	7	6
Sunday School.....	0	5	0
Mr. W. Vergette, (A.)	1	1	0
Mr. G. Caster, (A.)	1	0	0
Mr. T. Rowell, (A.)	1	0	0
Missionary Boxes.			
Mr. Paling	0	16	10
Mr. Thos. White ..	1	2	0
Miss Jamblin	0	8	7
Miss Henson.....	0	8	11
John Sargeant.....	0	3	0
Mr. Aitken	0	5	0
Public Meeting	4	3	11
For Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	1	14	0
Missionary Prayer-Meetings	0	18	0
	18	13	9
Less Expenses..	0	19	6
	17	14	3

Per Mr. W. Rubbra.

Wellingborough.

Cheese Lane.

Collection	11	0	0
Subscriptions	2	14	8

West End.

Collection	4	0	0
Weekly Subscriptions.....	2	8	3
Sunday-school Children	0	4	6
Missionary Boxes ..	2	0	11
Miss Renals's Young Ladies	2	5	0

Wollaston.

Collection	3	3	7
27*l.* 16*s.* 11*d.*			

NORTHUMBERLAND.

Alnwick.

Sion Meeting House.

Rev. R. Greener.

Contributions, less 12*s.* 6*d.* expenses..	29	7	6

SHROPSHIRE.

Oswestry.

Auxiliary Society, per Mr. J. Lacon.

Quarterly Collections and Subscriptions.....	10	18	11
Annual Meeting....	20	12	0
One-third of Children's Society for doing good	0	9	7
	32	0	6
Less Expenses..	2	7	10
	29	12	8

Domgay.

Mrs. Griffiths (A.)..	3	0	0
Ditto, for Native Boy at Calcutta ..	2	0	0
Collection	0	13	1

Missionary Boxes.

Jane Jones	1	3	6
Mary Jones	0	13	11
Thomas Davies	0	4	0
7*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*			

Frankton.

Collection	1	16	1

	l.	s.	d.
Preesheville.			
Mr. Croft (A.).....	1	0	0
Sarah Pugh Errgus-cob Mill Missionary Box	0	8	0
Collection	1	14	11
3*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*	42	6	2

SOMERSETSHIRE.

Frome.

Particulars of remittance acknowledged last month.

Zion Chapel.

Collections	20	8	9
Public Meeting	18	1	0
Missionary Boxes ..	12	5	7
Ladies' Association	11	9	0
Sunday-school	1	4	0
	63	8	4
Rook-lane Chapel..	6	0	0
Horningsham	6	8	4
Maiden Bradley....	1	1	0
Trudox Hill.....	0	17	4
	82	5	0
Less Expenses..	7	16	9
	74	8	3

STAFFORDSHIRE.

Brewood. Rev. J. Fernie & Friends..	3	3	7

Wolverhampton.

Annual Subscriptions.

William Barrow ...	3	3	0
Thomas W. Shaw..	2	2	0
Isaac Barrow	1	1	0
James Barrow.....	1	1	0
Edward Gibbs	1	1	0
Thomas Edwards ..	1	1	0
Samuel S. Mander..	1	1	0
Samuel Dickinson..	1	1	0
Rev. W. Smith	1	0	0
William Weale	1	0	0
Thomas Bantock ..	1	0	0
S. Cope	0	10	0
C. F. Pardoe	0	10	0
Miss Lloyd..	0	10	0
Mrs. Wiley	0	10	0
William Bladen.....	0	10	0
John Hill	0	10	0
William Hunt	0	10	0
Mr. Bullock	0	8	0
Joseph Doughley ...	0	5	0

Missionary Boxes.

Mrs. Newey.....	0	15	1
C. F. Pardoe	0	2	6
Mrs. Perkins	0	2	0
Miss Anslow	0	5	0
William Pardoe....	0	10	0
Theresa Adams	0	1	1
Mrs. Jordan.....	0	6	0
Mrs. Edwards.....	0	3	0
Mrs. Wiley	0	9	1
Richard Shaw.....	0	3	7
Ellen Whele	1	3	0

Quarterly Collections.

Mrs. Craddock	0	10	0
Miss Cooper	2	6	0
Miss E. Dickinson..	2	0	0

Juvenile Collections.

William Gibbs	3	7	6
M. A. Pardoe	0	1	3
E. Adams	0	3	1
Emma Clarke.....	0	9	1
Mary Jane and Anne Gibbs	0	12	7
E. Clair	0	5	10
Anne Parke.....	0	2	0
M. Woolridge	0	1	0
H. Lewis	0	0	6
M. A. Pardoe	0	10	6
Sabbath-schools, including 10*l.* for the Native Teacher, Watson Smith ...	13	13	4
Collections	20	11	2
Annual Meeting ...	8	1	9
	75	10	6

	l.	s.	d.
Snow Hill Congregational Church Collection	9	5	6
	84	16	0
Less Expenses..	4	8	0
	* 80	8	0

* 80*l.* of this sum acknowledged in January.

SURREY.

Byfleet, Mr. A. C. Collins (A.).....	1	0	0

Wandsworth, for the Native Teacher, George Palmer Davies.....	10	0	

WESTMORELAND.

Kendal Auxiliary.

R. Benson, Esq., Treasurer.

J. Somervell, Esq., Secretary

Collected by—

Mrs. Cornthwaite ..	0	14	
Miss Greenhow, viz.—			
For Native Schools.			
Mrs. Isaac Braithwaite	0	19	0
Mrs. W. Whitwell	0	10	0
Misses Greenhow..	2	0	0
Mrs. E. W. Wakefield	1	0	0
Mrs. N. Wilson	1	1	0
Mrs. J. Somervell ..	1	8	0
For School at Travancore, by Mrs. A. Somervell	8	10	0

Collections.

Public Meeting	6	0	0
Independent Chapel	1	10	6
Presbyterian ditto..	1	11	4
Zion ditto	5	3	4
Ravenstonedale	2	6	0
Ditto, Subscriptions	3	6	6
Crosby Garrett, ditto	3	0	
Four Months' Subscriptions, from 2nd senior Class, Boys, at Fellside School.....	0	6	7
Zion Chapel Sunday-school.....	2	3	0
Edward Whitwell's Missionary Box ..	1	5	

Kendal Subscriptions.

Mrs. Bellshaw.....	0	2	6
Robert Benson	3	0	0
Charles Ll. Braithwaite	3	0	0
Isaac Braithwate ..	0	10	6
W. D. Crewdson ...	5	0	0
G. B. Crewdson	1	0	0
Edward Crewdson..	0	10	0
James Cropper	2	0	0
Miss King.....	0	10	0
Mrs. Marriott	2	0	0
Mrs. McNaught....	0	5	0
John Somervell	1	0	0
R. M. Somervell....	0	15	0
Rev. Wm. Taylor..	0	5	0
James Thompson ..	1	0	0
John Thompson....	0	2	6
Edward W. Wakefield	5	0	0
John Wakefield....	2	0	0
Miss Wakefield	1	0	0
Miss M. Wakefield	0	10	0
Edward Whitwell..	2	10	0
John Whitwell	0	10	6
Mrs. H. M. Whitwell	1	0	0
Mrs. H. W. Wilson	3	0	0
John J. Wilson	2	0	0
William Wilson.....	2	0	0
	82	16	5

Ulverston.

Soutergate Chapel.

Public Collection ..	8	0	
Sunday-school Missionary Boxes....	1	17	4

	l.	s.	d.
Collected by—			
Mrs. Butler and Miss Warhurst ..	1	0	0
Mrs. John Salmon..	0	14	6
Master John Croasdell	0	10	3
Catherine Forshaw	0	2	3
	12	4	11
Less Expenses..	0	7	0
	11	17	11
	91	14	4

WILTSHIRE.

Chippenham, Mr. E. Bradbury (A.).... 0 10 0

Devizes.

Rev. R. Elliott.

Sermons and Public Meeting	23	13	7
Collected by—			
Miss Elliott	1	13	2
Miss C. Elliott	2	11	1
Miss Slade.....	0	18	5
Miss Cook.....	0	12	0
Mrs. T. B. Anstie..	1	14	4
Mrs. W. Cunnington	1	14	0
Mrs. Pearman.....	2	9	8
Mrs. Fell	0	14	3
Mrs. Knott	0	16	6
Miss Gabriel (A.) ..	1	0	0
Sunday-school Missionary Society ..	3	5	2
Missionary Boxes ..	1	5	5
Missionary Sale, by Mrs. Elliott's Young Ladies....	10	12	10
Sacramental Collection for Widows and Orphans.....	5	0	0
	58	6	5
Less Expenses..	3	0	0
	55	6	5

Trowbridge, Tabernacle Juvenile Society for the Snip 6 8 2

Warminster.

Common Close Chapel.

Ladies' Association.

Miss Brodribb	2	19	10
Miss Ann Brodribb	0	13	3
Miss M. E. Browne	0	12	3
Miss Butt	1	0	0
Miss Carpenter	1	14	6
Miss Ann Curley ..	1	4	5
Mrs. Curtis	1	4	6
Mrs. Wilkins	2	2	8

Missionary Boxes.

Miss J. and E. Brodribb	0	9	8
Miss Margaret Brodribb	0	1	4
Miss M. E. Browne..	0	3	0
Friend, per Mr. Browne	0	6	0
Mrs. Churchill	0	3	0
Miss Forward	0	10	6
Miss Grant	0	12	0
Miss Fanny Martin	1	5	0
Misses Morgan	0	13	0
Miss Stent.....	1	10	11

Juvenile Association.

Working Society for Orphan Girl.....	2	10	0

Bible Classes.	l.	s.	d.
Mrs. Gunn's.....	0	10	0
Miss Provis's	0	10	0
Mr. Stent's	0	12	11
Girls' Sunday-school.			
General Box	1	12	3
Clara Price	0	2	11
Emily Bristow	0	3	10
Ann Holton.....	0	3	8
Rebecca Stacey	0	3	0
Boys' Sunday-school.			
General Box	0	15	8
Masters H. and S. Stent	0	11	5
Masters E. and C. Wheatland	0	6	5
Juvenile Anniversary	2	0	1
Anniversary Sermons	9	17	3
Ditto Meeting	9	17	1
Fractions	0	0	5
Samuel Provis, Esq.	2	0	0
John Provis, Esq. ..	1	1	0
Mrs. John Provis ..	1	1	0
Orphan and Widows' Fund.			
At the Ordinance ..	1	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. John Provis.....	1	0	0
Sutton Veny, per Mr. Thomas W. Browne	0	13	0
	53	17	9
Less Expenses..	2	3	6
	51	14	3

YORKSHIRE.

Bradford District, per John Rawson, on account 150 0 0

Hopton Juvenile Society,

Children's Missionary Boxes.

Miss Mary White ..	0	12	10
Miss Emma Howarth	0	2	10
Miss Ann Smith....	0	1	3
Miss Emma Tyas ..	0	0	9
Miss Sharpe's Class	0	2	2
Master William H. Atkinson	0	5	4
Master Geo. Sharpe	0	7	4
Master Latrobe Bateman	0	8	2
Master Russel Bateman.....	0	4	3
Master Edward Day	0	2	0
Master John Shaw ..	0	0	8
Master Christopher & Miss Emma Jessop	0	1	9
Mr. Sharpe's Class..	0	16	11
Proceeds of Christmas Tree	1	0	0
Little Dying Girl's Legacy, her Missionary Box and Pocket Money, by the hands of the Rev. C. H. Bateman	0	7	5
Fractions	0	0	5
	4	14	1

Wakefield District, Mr. per J. Northorp, on account..... 50 0 0

WALES.

Montgomeryshire.

Llanfyllin, Mr. Richard Tibbet (L. S.)..... 20 0 0

SCOTLAND.

Aberdeen, "The Money of God for China" 5 0 0

Campbelton.

A Friend, per Rev. D. Galbraith.....	1	0	0
Milknow Sabbath-school, per Mr. P. McMillan	0	12	4

Dundee.

Rev. Dr. Paterson, (A.)	5	0	0
G. Armistead, Esq., for Madagascar ..	5	5	0
Old Scotch Independent Sabbath-school, No. 50, Barrack-street.....	0	13	7

Friockheim.

Evangelical Union Church.

A part of the Children's Collection..	0	8	0

Glasgow.

Auxiliary Society.

R. Goodwin, Esq., Treasurer.

Wellington-street, U. P. Church	21	5	10
General Meeting, Merchants' Hall..	9	10	2
West George-street Chapel	32	0	0
West Nile-street Chapel.....	15	0	0
Great Hamilton-st. U. P. Church	1	15	0
John-street U. P. Church	29	0	0
Female Sabbath Evening-school in connection with Gordon-street U. P. Church, for support and education of a Chinese Girl, under Mrs. Young, Amoy	3	18	0
Miss Bell's Sabbath-Class, over Newton-place, for Gilfillan Boarding School, Amoy	1	1	0
Eglinton street U. P. Church Juvenile Missionary Society	1	0	0
Ditto, Bible Missionary Society	7	0	0
Rottenrow-street Sabbath-schools, in connection with West George-street Chapel....	0	14	0
No. 6, Sabbath-school, Bridgeton, per Miss Lester ..	0	5	0
Miss Kerr, Woodside Terrace	10	0	0
Mr. D. Mc. Intyre, Hutchi-on-street .	2	0	0
Miss Philips, per J. Henderson.....	0	5	0
Mrs. Wm. Russell ..	1	0	0
R. M. J.	0	2	6

	l.	s.	d.
Mr. John Stewart, per J. Henderson	1	1	0
Mr. Claud Turner..	1	0	0
Carmunnick, Mr. Robert White	1	0	0
Helensburgh.			
Collection at Meeting with Deputation	2	0	0
Rev. Robert Maclachlan	1	0	0
Port Glasgow, Collection, U. P. Church, per Rev. J. Lander	3	0	0
Rosehearty, Collection, U. P. Church	1	0	0
Strathaven, East U. P. Church Society for Religious Purposes.....	2	0	0
	147	17	6
Less Expenses..	12	5	9
	135	11	9

Mrs. John Henderson, Park, for six Girls in Mrs. Young's School, Amoy	36	0	0
Miss Broadfoot, (A.)	1	1	0
Mrs. Douglas, (A.)	1	1	0
Insch Missionary Society, per Mr. A. Wilson	1	0	0
Kelloe, G. Buchan, Esq., for Native Teacher, George Buchan	10	0	0
Ditto, for Madagascar Mission	20	0	0
	30		
Knockando, Rev. J. Munro.....	0	15	0
Montrose, Baltic-street Sabbath School	2	6	2

Paisley.

Abbey-close United Presbyterian Church.

Female Class for the Native Teacher, William Nisbet ..	10	0	0
Stonehaven, Juvenile Society, for the Chinese Mission ..	1	0	0

NICE.

N. A. Travis, Esq., M.D.	1	0	0

LEGACIES.

Of J. N. Dancer, Esq., late of Croydon, Annuity, less duty.....	3	15	2
Of Miss E. Gainsborough, late of Sudbury.....	200	0	0
Of Miss E. Roberts, late of Singleton, street, less duty ..	180	0	0
Of Rev. W. Wall, late of Kingsland, less duty.....	45	0	0
Of Rev. T. Weaver, late of Shrewsbury, less duty....	45	0	

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